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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: COMBINED BLUE SKY/LARK EXERCISE

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT LARK AND BLUE SKY EXERCISES ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7 AND MAY 10 RESPECTIVELY MAY BE STAGED IN ONE COMBINED EXERCISE ON MAY 1. WE HAVE REMINDED JCS OF AGREEMENT REACHED LAST YEAR FOLLOWING ACCIDENTAL PENETRATION OF PRC AIR-SPACE THAT IT WOULD PROVIDE DEPT TIMELY ADVANCE NOTICE OF FIRMLY SCHEDULED BLUE SKY ACTIVITY. WE ALSO MADE KNOWN OUR CONCERN ABOUT INNOVATIONS IN PATTERN OF US AIR ACTIVITY IN TAIWAN AREA AT A TIME OF POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN PRC. JCS PROMISED PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

2. OUR UNEASINESS ABOUT PROPOSED COMBINED EXERCISE WOULD BE RELIEVED IF, IN FACT, IT CAN BE MADE TO APPEAR AS ONE AND IF LEVEL OF ACTIVITY CAN BE KEPT BELOW OR

AT MOST EQUIVALENT TO THAT CUSTOMARILY ASSOCIATED

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WITH BLUE SKY. WOULD APPRECIATE ASSURANCES THAT

THIS IS INTENDED AND FEASIBLE.

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